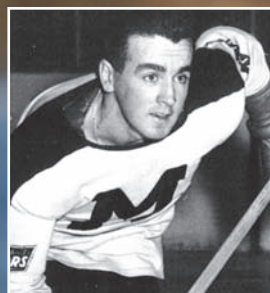




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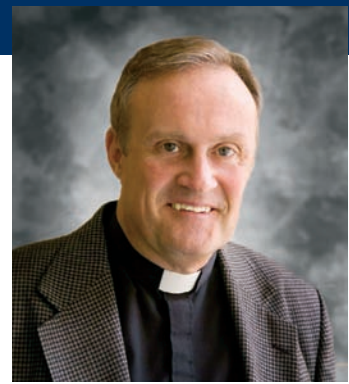
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## Dear Alumni,

There are two factors that make for a great school. The first is a strong and lasting tradition and the second is the ability to change with the changing times. At first glance, they may seem to be opposing forces but the future of St. Mike's depends on them being in balance.

The tradition of St. Mike's has to do with the legacy of generations of alumni, families, staff and Basilians. The Archives of St. Michael's has been developed over the past years, first by the late [Fr. Bill O'Brien C.S.B. '40](#) and then by Fr. Leonard Kennedy, C.S.B.. After Fr. Kennedy's retirement in 2007, Mr. Richard McQuade, a history teacher retired from the TCDSB and certified archivist, was hired to take on this role that is so vital to the tradition of St. Mike's. This past summer the archives were moved to the second floor of the arena. This new space provides excellent facilities for the housing of our historical records and materials. Plans are under way for a museum section that will display artifacts from St. Michael's 157 year history.

Change at St. Michael's has been evident in three important developments. The first is that we have been extremely successful in recruiting students from the core city schools. In part, this has happened because of more focused recruitment efforts and in part because of more generous financial assistance. St. Michael's is being enriched by the diversity of these smart young men from the city-core who want to come to the school.

Another change has been the development of the Learning Resource Centre. Here, more and more students are getting the support they need to succeed. This is part of an overall effort to provide a more nurturing environment for the young men to whom we minister.

The third sign of change is the building of the Performing Arts Centre. It will provide a wonderful addition to the excellent facilities of SMCS and lead to the enhancement of our arts program.

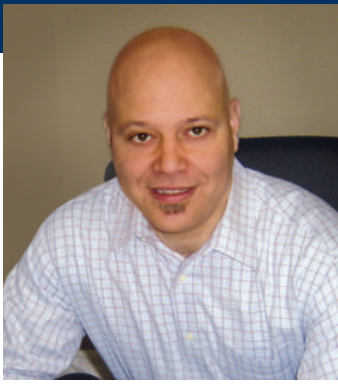
Tradition and change are alive and well at St. Michael's College School and this bodes well for the future of our school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joe Redican C.B."

Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B.  
President & CEO





## To You From Failing Hands We Throw the Torch.

You might recognize these lines from Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae M.D. as he toiled in the trenches of WW1 administering to the living and the dying. I am reminded of two other fine and dedicated men who also worked for the benefit of their friends and community. I speak of [John Bonvivero '51](#) and Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B.. Their passing was a huge loss to their families and to St. Michael's. I knew them both in my association with the school.

[John Bonvivero '51](#) to me was the perfect example of a St. Michael's man; a devoted family man with a deep sense of faith and community, he freely gave of his time in support of the school. His friendship and word were ones of honour and generosity as he shared many special moments with alumni. He has left a legacy of hope and duty in his role as mentor, benefactor and friend.

Fr. Daniel Zorzi C.S.B. came to St. Michael's as successor to [Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48](#). He quickly learned of its history, spirit and the role it played in Toronto and beyond the yellow brick walls. He gradually developed a genuine fondness and a respect for all those men and women who worked to maintain those rich traditions that the school continues to uphold. He was focused as he delegated responsibility and empowered staff and his Basilian confers. He accomplished much in his short tenure, and as a priest. Fr. Dan was "one of the guys" full of spirit and, as a good friend, he constantly reminded me and others of the importance of faith in our lives. He leaves behind a very close and loving family and a network of friends who will never forget him.

To us, in whose hands we hold the torch high, there is a challenge to continue the work these men set out to do and fight the good fight in our work with one another as we promote those ideals of goodness, discipline and knowledge.

I welcome your comments and can be reached at [rmilano@safetechenv.com](mailto:rmilano@safetechenv.com).

Remember, as an SMC alumnus you are never alone.

Romeo Milano '80  
President, SMCS Alumni Association

# “A crisis is not necessarily a breakdown; it could be a breakthrough.”



Bear with me as I try to connect the dots. I am reading Clifton Fadiman's, *The Lifetime Reading Plan* outlining the best of the best all time writers and their books (you might not agree) from Homer, Aristotle, Augustine, Dante, Shakespeare, T.S. Eliot and Faulkner to name a few. Although written in 1961, what caught my attention, true then as it is now, was his reference that “we live in an age which, to its cost, has abandoned the concept of hero.” He goes on to say that by reading the greats we will connect with those knights of old who, in defying obstacles, have left a legacy for us all.

Move to President Barack Obama's clarion call, yes we can, as he addresses a nation and a world; then on to an anonymous quote, a crisis is not necessarily a breakdown; it could be a breakthrough. Read about those, alive and deceased, whose deeds we celebrate in this issue as we honour their struggle, dedication and inspiration. These profiles of courage stress not man's limitations, but his possibilities, not his doubts but his answer to a call to action that says it can be done in spite of difficulty.

What happens to unusual people whose minds never stop working? Such is the work of a young Fr. Dan Zorzi C.S.B. too young to die, and [Frank Gardi '56](#) a fellow Sault Ste Marie native, who like Fr. Dan, through his suffering, tireless work ethic and society mindedness, has given much to his community. Hear about [Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B. '36](#) the Dean of Art at Aquinas Institute in Rochester and St. Mike's who, passionate about his work, has inspired many budding artists. Listen to [Jack Czarnota's '86](#) moving story of seizing a moment in his life as he prepared for his personal marathon to raise money for epilepsy. Add those newly elected graduates who volunteered to represent us in alumni affairs.

We do have home grown heroes in our midst.

I am reminded of William Faulkner's 1950 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, a speech for any age really, in which he laments the fact that the writers of his day have forgotten the problems of the human heart in conflict with itself. He goes on to say that, “I believe that man will not merely endure; he will prevail. He is immortal not only because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance.” It is voices like these and people like those found within these pages who have made all the difference in our St. Michael's world and beyond.

I am aware that deeds alone do not necessarily make heroes. Nevertheless, we all possess the gene for generosity, kindness and loving our families, neighbours and friends. I would like to think that there are many out there who are answering the everyday call and saying yes we can as they overcome obstacles that might seem insurmountable. They are indeed heroes and an inspiration and a legacy for us all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Younder".

Joe Younder '56  
Editor, *Blue Banner*

# Letters to the Editor

The response to [Frank Kielty's '54](#) article "... I sing of title song and cheer" in our last Blue Banner, has been both historically enlightening and in some cases entertaining. We list a few grad comments.

[Tom O'Hara '59](#) and [Joe LeMoine '54](#) both reply that another verse to Boozer Brown goes as follows:

As we go marching  
And the band begins to P-L-A-Y  
Hear the people shouting  
Old SMC will surely win today

Joe adds, "Frank should have asked me for the words to the song. For thirty years, he and I played hockey on Monday and Wednesday nights. We were often paired together on defense and, although we thought we were communicating, our goalie, [John Gariepy '55](#), strongly disagrees. He claims we are the sole reason of what is left of his grey hair. Nevertheless, we sang the songs with gusto."

[Paul Boland '54](#) tells the story that south of Clover Hill on Bay Street, in fact one block south of what used to be the Eaton's College Street store, there was a Terrally Street, long gone. This, he believes, was incorporated into the refrain of Boozer Brown. It goes:

Singing Terrally, ally, ally, ally all the day  
Singing Terrally, ally, ally, ally all the day  
Singing Terrally, ally all,  
Singing Terrally, ally all,  
Singing Terrally, ally, ally, ally all the day

Eighty-five year old [Walter Ross '42](#) recalls a third verse of McNamara's Band:

Oh, my name is Uncle Yulius and  
From Sweden have I come  
To play with McNamara's Band  
And bear the big bass drum.  
And when I march along the street  
The ladies think I'm grand  
They shout "There's Uncle Yulius  
Playing with an Irish band."

Walter is proud of his grandson, [Kevin Ross '03](#) who played hockey and lacrosse at St. Mike's and then went to Canisius College in Buffalo on a lacrosse scholarship.

Dear Editor:

Congratulations. I thoroughly enjoyed the editorial, "Remarkable Models of Friendship and Giving" on [Jack McMaster '57](#). It reminds me of how lucky I am that I attended St. Michael's and met many individuals who, after fifty years, are still my friends. I think [Terry O'Malley '60](#) said it best when a group of us met for dinner after the 100 Years of Hockey function. Most of us had not seen Terry since the late fifties. After a couple of hours, he said, "It seems like I have only been away from you guys for a weekend."

[Tom Micallef '57](#)

Dear Editor:

This anecdote probably didn't make it into [Larry Colle's '69](#) book, 100 Years of Pucks and Prayers, but it deserves retelling. I arrived at St. Mike's in 1958 after a short walk across the football field from Holy Rosary School. My 9-3 homeroom teacher was [Fr. Bill O'Brien, C.S.B. '40](#). In the fall of that year, Loblaws opened its first version of a supermarket adjacent to the school, and had obtained the services of Field Marshall Bernard Law Montgomery (Monty) to officially open the store. Fr. Bill convinced our homeroom class that we could play a role in this event. Using a couple of homeroom classes and one of [Mike Lavelle's '54](#) Phys Ed. classes, Fr. Bill taught us the basics of close order marching. When the big day arrived we marched to the store parking lot and were presented to and "reviewed" by Monty as part of the opening ceremony. I'm sure Fr. O'Brien, C.S.B. enjoyed meeting Field Marshall Montgomery. However, my sole recollection was that Monty was somewhat a less than imposing figure than I had expected. On the other hand, Fr. Bill and the 9-3 homeroom, in true military fashion, were the stars of the day.

On another note, I must agree with my friend [Don Bannan '66](#) that the Blue Banners we have received have been first class in format and quality.

[John MacDonald '63](#)



Dear Editor:

It's not often that you would get a subject of my stature writing to your paper. However, after my master, really my friend, **Jack McMaster '57**, read me the moving article on him, I had to respond. I am a 14 year old golden retriever and have been Jack's (I call him Jack) faithful companion for 12 years through many good and sometimes difficult times. I have come up through the Lion's Foundation in Oakville and have had special training in a school for those deaf, blind or in wheelchairs. Over the years, I have become very attached to Jack. I'm always by his side. I pick up his paper or articles of clothing left on the floor. He's not the neatest person to live with, but the benefits are great. For 20 years Jack has been working at Queen's Park in Toronto on two Boards: the Social Assistance

Review Board and the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board, both were appointed positions by Premiers Harris and Eves. What a thrill it was to be picked up in a limo and literally have the run of the legislature buildings. I wear a special harness which Jack tells me the law of the land allows me to go everywhere with him. I have met many wonderful people who were kind to us. We have been retired since 2005 and spend most of our time at home in St. Catharines. I must tell you though, Jack and I were especially moved by the wonderful gift of the

custom van made through the efforts of his many friends at St. Michael's and the community at large. My hips are not what they use to be. Now, with the van, I can ride up front with Jack and enjoy the smile on his face as we view a new world opened to us. We are forever grateful. Sometimes a catastrophe is not a setback, but a breakthrough. By the way, I don't know if I should tell you this... I now know how to get Jack a beer out of the fridge. For this, I am rewarded with a couple of cookies and get to sleep at the bottom of his bed. Not bad for a canine, eh? A dog's best friend is a guy like Jack.

**Mogli**



Jack McMaster '57 and dog, Mogli

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the informative and generous comments made in the tennis article "For the Love of the Game". I really feel that staff commitment and the Basilian motto have had much to do with my success and that of my fellow graduates over the years.

On a further note, we wish to thank everyone for their very special words, letters, and kind thoughts for our late father, **Brian Patrick '40**. He loved St. Michael's. He especially liked the way St. Michael's kept high sports at bay when it came to academics. No matter who you were, how good you were, no matter how many goals, touchdowns, baskets you scored, together, you were the accompaniment of God's grace in receiving a higher education. It is this, above all else, that we humbly received our strength to go forward in life with Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge.

**Sean McDonough '69 and Family**

Dear Editor:

On behalf of **Dr. Leonard John Sullivan '40**, the family would like to thank you for remembering our father in the In Memoriam section. He loved St. Mike's and had a long and fruitful relationship with his classmates, **Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48** and **Fr. Norm Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.** along with many other Basilians who were to become a constant source of guidance and friendship throughout his career. Out of seven children, his sons, **John '74**, **Paul '75** and son-in-law, **Stephen Dunn '73**, attended the school to which dad would often return and walk the halls sharing fond memories with Frs. Norm and Tom. I remember him attending the annual Turkey Roll, dinners with The Flying Fathers and special events as well as financially supporting the school through the Alumni Association. I can tell you that the education, values and friendships he received at St. Michael's College School and later at the University of St. Michael's College, not only carried him through life, but are ones he passed on to his children. These are the memories of our dad that we as a family now fondly share with the St. Michael's community. Thank you.

**Marlane Ormesher (daughter)**

# Jack's Story – “A Voice Capable of Compassion, Sacrifice and Endurance...”

*In the last issue, we introduced [Jack Czarnota '86](#), our London, UK Alumni Chapter representative. In 2008, Jack took voluntary redundancy from a very 24/7 hectic life in London's financial world, and has since set out on a personal “marathon of hope” to raise money for pediatric epilepsy related charities since his five-year old son, Luke, suffers from it. Jack visited the school last year and caught up with classmate [Mike Ross '86](#). We have subsequently exchanged e-mails from which I have discovered some extraordinary dreams, ambitions and dedication about this man. Some are a little personal; however, Jack has allowed us to tell the story of an event that has changed his life and that of his wife, Catherine.*

*This is Jack's story.*

Dear Joe,

One thing that I remember about my visit to the school last September was talking about St. Mike's and raising money for a new theatre. I felt bad because I couldn't possibly give as much as I wanted to, or as much as I felt I should have when I was “rolling” in it. You reminded me it wasn't about the money; it was about the friendships I have made along the way especially through the memories and contacts at St. Michael's. I recall reading the moving article on [Jack McMaster '57](#) and those remarkable models of friendship and giving who came to his support. That got me thinking. Since then, my fundraising efforts with my friends from St. Mike's and others have shown me those models still exist.

When I started fundraising for the UK Epilepsy Society, I wrote Christmas cards to 560 people. This was the first set of cards I had ever written in over 20 years and it took me two months to write them. They weren't easy to write especially to SMC guys who I hadn't contacted in over 25 years. What made it all the more difficult was that I was asking for money.

Joe, the response was incredible. The first call I took was from [Massimo Giovannetti '86](#), who I never really hung out with, but I knew had a bigger mouth than me which I discovered, not on the debating team, but in the locker room after 2:35 p.m. He has, as I discovered, a bigger heart too. He has four daughters and really felt some of the problems our son Luke was experiencing. When Massimo called me in December with a desire to help, it was the first time I had spoken to him since graduation. The next to call and donate through the website was [Tom Brown '86](#) who sent me a wonderful letter indicating how my charity marathon made him feel about his own not keeping up with volunteering down at the soup kitchen. My card was a



L-R: Mike Ross '86 with Jack Czarnota '86



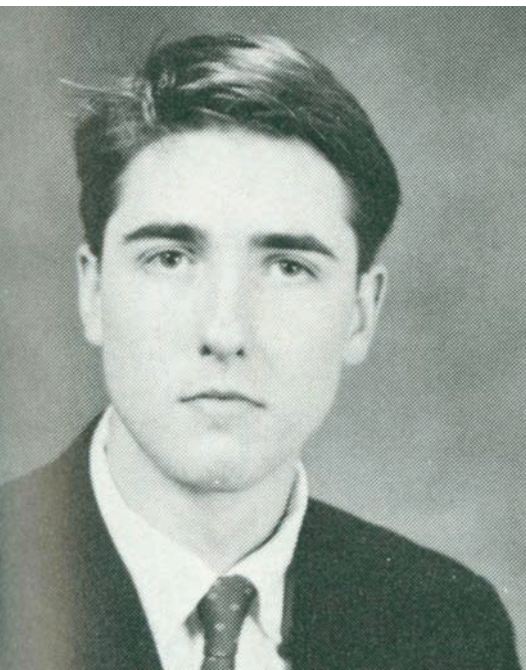
motivation for him to resume his work there. I can't tell you how touched I was and still am by the social responsibilities these and others felt.

In the letter that I sent out, I mentioned that there was a contest to guess my running time. The person closest would be our guest at any restaurant they and their partner wanted to dine in across North America or Europe. One guy that pushed me hard for an inside scoop was **Noel O'Connor '86**. I told him under four hours was a waste of a guess. Furthermore, he said if he won, he wanted to donate the proceeds of the dinner back to the charity. When I told my wife that story, she wept.

If it were not for the generosity of classmates like **Dean LePage, Brian Szandtner, Dave Blacker, Brian Churchill, John O'Neill, Marcello Ausenda, Francesco Lamanna, Matt Collins** and **Mike Furtado**, I would not be anywhere near the \$60,000 that I have raised so far. It goes to show you what a group of stand-up people St. Mike's has produced. I really wished I could have written to the other 150 alumni in the class just out of plain courtesy, but my hands gave out. I do know that nine kids will end up with the brain operations they need. My work with the charity has done wonders for my self-esteem. I don't feel I have wasted a year as a semi-retired windsurfing bum. I feel I made a difference in the lives of some children. I also feel I got in touch with many people with whom I should not have lost touch.

My wife and I owe a lot to our son, Luke, who has given us so much love and a reason to reach out to others. We thank you for giving us a voice.

Jack ran his London marathon on April 26th and sends his website for our interest - [www.justgiving.com/jackczarnota](http://www.justgiving.com/jackczarnota).



Jack Czarnota



Jack Czarnota '86 with family



# Turkey Roll & Grad Reunion

*On Friday, November 28th, 2008 we honoured the graduating classes of 1959 (50 years), 1984 (25 years) and 1999 (10 years). What follows are memories of those years.*

## Robert Simonetta '84

It's hard to believe that a quarter century has passed since we left the yellow brick walls. Some 35 grads reconvened to rekindle friendships and enjoy the hors d'oeuvres, porchetta sandwiches and refreshments which seem to get better each year. Conversation moved from careers, families, sons at or about to enter St. Mike's and of course sports. The class of 1984 is somewhat special. We meet each Christmas for a class dinner at the school where we discuss and renew our dedication to the school in the form of a Bursary awarded to a student entering grade nine. The evening is followed by a game of "shinny" on the rink. It is obvious that even after 25 years, we continue to relish our days at St. Mike's. Time has helped us to appreciate the lasting impression made on a group of young men by the Basilian fathers, administration and lay teachers. **Paul Dignan '59** presented the class with the St. Michael pin.

## Anthony Gorys '99

The SMC alumni association honoured the class of '99 at the 2008 Turkey Roll, and the event brought back great memories for all those in attendance. For many of us it was the first Turkey Roll; for some it was a first visit back to St. Mike's, and it was agreed that due to the overwhelming success of the evening, along with the better than expected attendance, it will probably become a stronger tradition for the class of '99 to attend future events. The night provided an opportunity to reminisce about the good old days. We gathered in the gym, where the famous "stand up, sit down" speech when we entered grade nine was thunderously delivered to our class by then Principal **Fr. Thomas Mohan, C.S.B. '48**. We spoke of our successful careers as lawyers, investment bankers, land developers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and teachers; we celebrated as a number of classmates, in their final years of school, are studying to become doctors and dentists. As diverse as the paths were that guided us to the different callings in our lives, the Turkey Roll helped remind us of the common beginning where lifelong friendships were made 10 years ago.

**John Brady '78** joined in on the festivities with others from his graduating class who celebrated their 30th anniversary.

John recalls the evening. "I had missed many reunions but when I got the e-mail from **Tony "Moose" D'Angelo '78** encouraging me to come out for the 28th, I knew it was time to reconnect with my classmates. I wasn't there very long when the Lord of the Manor, **Dominic Montemurro '78**, came by with his marquee enthusiasm welcoming each of us. The evening was long and pleasant with too many re-connections to mention. However, there was a consistent theme throughout.

Let's face it. We're getting older and as **Nick Larocca '78** corrected me, "better". For many of us, this year will mark half of a century walking on this planet. Like a fine wine, the class of 1978 is aging well, if you don't count the absence of hair on **Peter Dubniak '78**. Naturally, there was much talk of family, jobs, kids in university and some already graduated. It became very clear that the values and example of the Basilian Fathers instilled in us at SMC, have taken root in our own lives. We have had great teachers to thank for that.

The topic of teachers filled many conversations throughout the evening; Reach for the Bottom, **Don Shanahan '63** (Shan the Man) and Hugh McDougall standing at the top of the second floor stairwell outside room 214 as the perpetual overseer, were remembered. Also, **Fr. Art Holmes, C.S.B. '48** with his daily homework additions "for those of you interested in an honours program", was recalled along with his seating plan based on current marks. I think **Carlo D'Ambrogio '78** never moved from the first seat by the door. Other guys spoke of those teachers still active in the St. Mike's community in one way or another like Dan Prendergast and Martin Storey. Dr. Michael Higgins wasn't at the Turkey Roll which was too bad, but then neither was **Don Walker '78** who was taking the Principal's course. If memory serves correctly, he was the only one who understood Mr. Higgins anyway!

The evening ended, all too short, with a group picture which "Moose" insisted should be taken twice to ensure that we included everyone. In addition, Coach Dan Prendergast awarded us our 25-year pins, which for me personally, is a fond reminder of five wonderful years. I proudly placed it on the lapel of my blazer where it will remain.

# Alumni from Various Generations for the Always





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## Popular Turkey Roll & Reunion





# Performing Arts

The concrete walls are now complete and the installation of the structural steel commenced on May 11, 2009. The exterior walls have also been erected, and the building exterior will be completed by the end of July and the interior by Christmas.

The Terraces and Landscaping will be finished between September and October, and the Theatrical Equipment should be in place by January 2010.

Continue to watch the Capital Campaign website at [www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com](http://www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com) and click on the Building On Strong Foundations logo on the bottom right.

The project is on time for an early Spring 2010 opening and well within budget.



Artistic Rendering of the Performing Arts Centre



The project team standing at the Control Room level. L-R: Paul Marcoccia and Peter Ortved of CS&P Architects and Shelley Desjardins and Lawrence Kavanagh '74 of IntellectusPM Project Managers.



# Centre Update



Fr. Redican, C.S.B. and grade 8 student Andrew Webb try out a demo model of the new seats for the Performing Arts Centre.

## Theatre Seat Sale Continues...

There are theatre seats still available for purchase at a cost of \$2,500 per seat. The seat purchase can be pledged over a five-year time period and the naming is in perpetuity.

For more information or to reserve your specific seat, please contact Kimberley Bailey, Director of Advancement, at 416-653-3180 ext. 118 or [advancement@smcsmail.com](mailto:advancement@smcsmail.com)



# Where Are They Now?



Hall of Famer, Murray Costello '53

## 1950's

**Murray Costello '53** received the Sport Achievement Award from the University of Windsor. Murray played for the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, the Detroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins, the AHL's Hershey Bears and the Edmonton Flyers of the WHL. His NHL career spanned 162 regular season games. One of his greatest accomplishments was a 20-year span as President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (now Hockey Canada) where he made significant

contributions to the merging of Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey Association. He oversaw the formation of the Canadian women's team and the rapid development of women's hockey. In 2005, Murray was the 93rd person to be inducted as a Builder in the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame. He is one of 14 St. Michael's grads in the Hall of Fame.

**Richard (Dick) Aubry '55** retired in 1998 from St. Lawrence College as a Marketing Instructor and recently retired from another company he co-founded, Seaway News. He has since been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Capital Commission (NCC). Richard lives in Williamstown, ON.

## 1960's

**Paul Bottoni '66** writes that he has worked for the Toronto District Catholic School Board for 35 years in both elementary and secondary levels. With an M.A. in Italian, he instructs at the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto. Now retired from the TDCSB as a Vice Principal, he is presently working for Niagara University in Ontario as a Field Supervisor and Student Placement Officer. In his work he sees fellow graduate, **Tom Donovan '64**, Director of Ontario Programs for Niagara University. Paul is proud of the fact his son **David '97** graduated from the University of St. Michael's College and the Schulich School of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario. David is practicing General Surgery in London, Ontario.

**Gene Fritsh '69** – after heading up a consulting firm and working in social services with Federal, Provincial and Native governments in Northwestern Canada for 15 years, Gene became an organic farmer in northern Alberta. His

wife, Eva, was offered an administrative position with a school district in California and they moved south in 2003. Upon receiving the proper visa, Gene worked with developmentally challenged adults and now has returned to university to improve his skills in managing not-for-profit organizations. They have two children, Christian, in university in San Francisco and Stefane, a student in Orange Coast College and residing in Costa Mesa, California. Gene is now our Alumni Chapter representative for California.

## 1970's

### Don Morrison '72

It has been many years since I have had any contact with St. Mike's. I graduated in 1972, having spent two summers at summer school and countless hours of additional coaching and tutoring over my five years. And yet today, by God's grace, to many I have achieved some degree of success. I share this with you because I think my story is a testament to St. Mike's. The point is simple. If I can succeed, anybody can. I had no special gifts. I had to work hard for everything I got. Earlier in my life, I did not work as hard as I should have. However, the teachers at St. Mike's never gave up on me, and as I got to Grade 13 and understood that learning could be a positive and desirable experience. Teachers like **Joe Younder '56**, Fr. Joe Penny, C.S.B. and Fr. Moe Whelan C.S.B. encouraged me. I remember one particular encounter with Fr. Whelan, C.S.B. I wanted desperately to get to the St. Mike's College at the University of Toronto but had not made "early acceptance". My marks improved in my final term, but I was struggling with math. I went to see Fr. Whelan, C.S.B. one day near the end of the term before class, and I asked him to show a little compassion. Fr. Whelan said, "Donny, I'm going to give you a 70% in math but you have to promise me one thing... that you'll never take math again." The rest is history.

I've seen the Wall come down. I've worked in the Soviet Union when it broke up into 15 republics. I worked with the US Government and military in Kuwait in 1991 when the oil fires were burning and the city was in chaos. I've had the privilege of globalizing RIM's business to the point where this Canadian company, with humble roots in Southern Ontario, today is in 150 countries around the world. I have come to



Don Morrison '72



appreciate more and more what I learned at St. Mike's over those five years, even though I struggled through most of them. I am grateful for that foundation. And for anyone struggling to find their purpose and meaning and contribution in this life, just remember, we can all be a success. For me that journey began when the teachers at St. Mike's believed in me more than I did. (*Don is the Chief Operating Officer, BlackBerry for Research in Motion*)



Dave Mulrone '73

**David Mulrone '73** graduated from the University of Toronto in 1978 where he was the Governor General's Gold Medalist in English. He participated in full time Mandarin instruction at the Canadian Forces Language School in Ottawa, and joined the Foreign Service in 1981. David is currently assigned to the Privy Council Office in Ottawa where he is Deputy Minister responsible for the Afghanistan Task Force, overseeing inter-departmental

coordination of Canada's engagement in Afghanistan. Prior to his current appointment, he served as Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and concurrently, as the Prime Minister's Personal Representative to the G8 Summit. Immediately prior to that, he served as Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister. A career Foreign Service officer, David has held a series of senior appointments including four years as Canada's Senior Official for Asia Pacific Cooperation (APEC). He has served on overseas assignments in Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai and Seoul. David and his wife, Janet Wakely, live in Ottawa with their three children.

**Tim Storus '73** recently helped his son, **Mark '04**, move to Stanford University in California where he is doing a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering.

**John Yan '78** sends greetings from Ottawa where he occasionally attends Ottawa Senators games, whose owner, **Eugene Melnyk '77**, was his classmate. John graduated from Carleton University in Journalism and is the Director of Corporate Communications and Government Relations with the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH). He and his wife, Linda, recently celebrated their 26th anniversary. His son, Scott, and daughter, Sarah, are attending university in Montreal. He invites classmates to e-mail him at: johnny@cadth.ca

**Richard Latorre '78** is self-employed with Latorre Security Locksmith in Mississauga, ON.

## 1980's

**George Orsini '83** after graduation, he obtained his B.A. in Philosophy from the University of St. Michael's College, then went on to the University of Western Ontario earning a law degree. After eight years in private practice, he joined the Ministry of the Attorney General where he has worked for the past 10 years as an Assistant Crown Attorney. George resides in Brantford, Ontario, with his wife and five children. He has many fond memories of St. Mike's and the lessons learned there.

**Hugh Hart '84** attended the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, IN on a partial academic scholarship. Fellow old boys, **Rob Ricci '81** and **Mike Lattanzi '81** were there at the time. Following graduation in 1988, Hugh returned to Toronto and eventually began working in the employee benefits field, and is presently employed with Manulife Financial. He is married to Erin O'Shea, a Loretto Abbey and Notre Dame graduate. They have six children, the eldest, Cameron, has just been accepted to St. Mike's.

**Sean Burke '85** writes that he is living in Paradise Valley, Arizona and is now retired after an 18-year career in the NHL. He last played with the Los Angeles Kings. Presently, he is Director of Prospect Development for the Phoenix Coyotes and spends his time travelling to San Antonio, Texas, to watch the Coyote farm team in the AHL as well as looking in on various draft picks. His daughter, Andie, 15, and son Brendan, 13, whose team he coaches, both play hockey. He still sees fellow Buzzers players, **Gerry Dineen '85** and **Andy Pokupec '84**. He has fond memories of his time at St. Mike's and teachers like **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48**, Fr. Zinger, C.S.B., Fr. Mulcahy, C.S.B. and Paul Forbes. He is proud of the fact that he represented Canada in two Olympic Games, in 1988 and 1992. He also participated in NHL All Star Games in 1989, 2001 and 2002.

*Those who watched Sean in the nets at St. Michael's, often saw in the stands his dad, Ron, his greatest fan and school supporter, who passed away in 2007.*

**Francesco Lamanna '86** is married with two children and living in London, England. After graduating from the University of St. Michael's College, he ventured off to England intent on studying English and European Law, but also to build on his French language skills. It was in France that he met his wife, Stephanie, and decided it would be a great adventure to stay in Europe and start a career. It was a good move. He trained and qualified as an English and European competition lawyer and is presently working at the head office of the Royal Mail. The debating skills he learned at St. Mike's have stood him in good stead. "In fact," says

Francesco, “there are a number of debaters who were, and still are, living here in London; a few that come to mind are: **Victor Fornasier '84**, **Tom Meechan '89**, **Frank Crispino '84**, **Marcello Ausenda '86** and **Jack Czarnota '86**, one of my closest friends who I met in grade nine. It's great to be living in London and still have a close connection with St. Mike's.”

### 1990's

**Michael Kassapian '90** is Marketing Director at World Financial Group.

**Kevin Ross '93** had a great sophomore season in the National Lacrosse League. Kevin played for the St. Michael's Blue Gaels for four years and is still the leading career points scorer in the brief 10 years of Blue Gaels Lacrosse. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound attack man was originally selected by the Chicago Shamrox in the first round (12th overall) of the 2007 NLL Entry Draft. Ross collected 11 points and 21 loose balls while appearing in nine games with the Chicago Shamrox during his NLL rookie campaign in 2008. He was signed by the Minnesota Swarm in the off-season, and is currently a leading scorer for the Swarm.

As an NCAA (Div.I) player, Ross recorded 126 goals and 185 points in 54 games during four seasons at Canisius College (2003-07). He led the Golden Griffins in scoring all four seasons and finished his career second on the school's all-time list in goals and fourth in scoring. Ross set career-highs with 54 points and 35 ground balls and tied his career-high with 36 goals in 14 games during his senior season in 2007, and was named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) First Team.

Kevin still manages to play Wednesday night hockey with former teachers, **Terry Sheridan '89**, **Dave Lee '94**, Paul Forbes, **Joe Brisbois '67**, Dan Blaik and his St. Mike's lacrosse coach, **Matt Pagano '92**.

**Ian Aversa '99** is a lawyer with *Aird & Berlis LLP* in Toronto. His practice focuses on insolvency and banking law including liquidations, receiverships and restructuring.

### 2000's

**Michael Doyle '00**, is IT and Business Support Manager of O'Neil Electric Supply a Canadian owned, independent wholesale supplier of premium electrical products in Ontario and the GTA for over 42 years. O'Neil Electric supplies all of the premium brands from major manufacturers, in a complete range of electrical products including: lighting, controls, power distribution equipment, conduit, wire, boxes, devices, heating & ventilation, tools,

safety equipment and more. O'Neil has a full service fast turnaround pick-up counters and provide same or next day delivery service from our two GTA branches in Woodbridge and Scarborough. Please visit our website [www.oneilelectric.com](http://www.oneilelectric.com) or call 416-798-7722 for any inquiries.

**Brandon Sousa '07**, the External Affairs Elect at the University of Western Ontario, was elected Media, Information & Technoculture Councillor on the University Student's Council. He sends news on fellow university classmates.

**Paul Rasbach '05** is a former student president of Mt. Allison University Student Council.

**Michael Ceci '05** was recently elected the student president and CEO of the Queen's University Alma Mater Society. He is in fourth year of an Arts Honours degree in drama and geography. He currently serves as the Undergraduate Student Trustee on the University's Board of Trustees. Michael has been actively involved in dramatic productions at Queen's as an actor, singer, dancer, and more recently producer, including supporting roles in *Urinetown*, *Blood Brothers*, *Into the Woods* and *Jekyll and Hyde the Musical*.

**Jonathan Buccella '07** and **Andrew Forgione '07** were elected Social Science Councillors on the University of Western Ontario Students Council. **Matt Shumka '06** was elected Arts and Humanities Councillor on the University Student Council.

*Congratulations to all these St. Mike's achievers.*

**Ryan Muir '08** continues his volunteer work in support of childhood cancer research. His new venture, The Ride to Conquer Cancer in aid of Princess Margaret Hospital, will see him cycle from Toronto to Niagara Falls. His inspiration comes from his volunteer service at The Hospital for Sick Children when attending St. Mike's. His role, he states, “was not to provide medications, but a type of therapy equally important, happiness and joy. Seeing their smiles and tears has given me purpose and helped shape who I am and who I aspire to be.”

*We wish Ryan, God speed.*

# Alumni Chapters

*It has long been the Alumni Association's intent to establish alumni chapters. We realize that many grads do meet and associate with one another through work and play. We would like to be informed of your gatherings so that others may be brought together to share their time at St. Michael's with you. We are looking for grads to organize alumni chapters in your region. We can provide you with contact information by calling Stephanie Gough, Alumni and Special Events Officer at 416-653-3180 x273 or e-mail [gough@smcsmail.com](mailto:gough@smcsmail.com). We welcome [Gene Fritsch '69](#) Ontario, California and [Frank Vella '85](#) New York, New York.*

## Ottawa, Ontario:

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*We mourn the loss of [Bill Mulhall '57](#), [Bev McCue '57](#) and [Greg Kulas '51](#). We met Greg through [Noel Price '55](#). Greg always had a great smile and was proud of his St. Mike's experience. A number of us attended the wake and were introduced to one of Greg's five daughters whose son, [Peter Webster '10](#), was wearing a St. Mike's*

*blazer. His other grandson, [John Webster '08](#), is in his first year at St. Francis Xavier University. The family was very appreciative of our presence and support.*

## Ontario, California:

[Gene Fritsch '69](#)

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*We welcome Gene as our California Alumni Chapter Contact. (See Gene's biography in Where Are They Now.)*

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*After graduating from Victoria College, University of Toronto, Frank started work at Xerox Corporation in Toronto and in 2002 took a position with Microsoft in Seattle. He ultimately moved with his family to New York where he has since become Managing Director for Microsoft's Financial Services Practice in the USA.*

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# Update on Alumni Election Process

It is once again time to start the process to elect alumni to fulfill positions on the Alumni Executives. This year, the process will be a little different. In August e-mails will be sent to all alumni outlining the election process. If you do not currently receive e-mails from St. Michael's College School and would like to take part in the elections, please contact Stephanie Gough at 416-653-3180 ext. 273 or [gough@smcsmail.com](mailto:gough@smcsmail.com).

Congratulations to the newly elected alumni listed below:

**John Sinclair '79 (Treasurer)** is a Chartered Accountant and a Partner at Smith, Nixon LLP. He lives in the Beaches with his wife Anne and three boys: Thomas, 18, William, 16, (currently attending St. Mike's) and Andrew aged 11.

**Andrew Gidaro '02 (Secretary)** graduated from the University of Guelph with an HBSc degree. He is general manager of A to Z Fun Rentals and operations manager for Screemers and Astro Amusements. Andrew and his father, Ardo '70, have been active supporters of St. Mike's through their generous contribution in providing prizes and game equipment for the Turkey Roll, Homecoming and other special school events.

**Salvatore (Sam) Tassone '83 (Councillor)** graduated from the University of St. Michael's College with a B.A. in Commerce. He is currently keeping his options open in preparation as a Paralegal/Legal Assistant or possible law career. He looks forward in serving the St. Mike's alumni.

**Michael Levine '03 (Special Councillor Appointed by President)** has been involved in SMC alumni affairs planning the Alumni BBQ for the 1998-2003 grads and assisting in the Alumni Turkey Roll. He is presently on a committee working with **Frank Lamie '98** on the St. Mike's Recent Alumni Golf Tournament. After graduating from the University of Western Ontario, he entered the finance industry and now works in business development at BMO Nesbitt Burns. He will endeavour to "strengthen the alumni core; don't be surprised if you get a call."

**Rui de Sousa '88 (Special Councillor)** graduated from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto with a specialist degree in Psychology, a Major in Zoology, and Minor in Portuguese. He works in the field of Sleep Disorders medicine in GTA hospitals. In 2006 he was elected Alumni Councillor working on various committees:

Turkey Roll, Homecoming, planning class reunions, and the very successful SMCS Alumni Business Directory. He is especially excited about the up-coming alumni web-based social networking site. Rui looks forward to future challenges serving the alumni.

**Anthony Tramonte '02 (Special Councillor)** was a prominent member of both the Senior Concert and Senior Jazz bands, as a lead alto saxophone player. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toronto, and is currently working as a Senior Risk Control Specialist for Liberty International Underwriters, a member of the Liberty Mutual Group. Anthony, as a new member to the alumni association, "hopes to give something back to the school which helped instill in him those gifts of goodness, discipline and knowledge."

**Jonathan Hendricks '02 (Special Councillor)** writes it is with "great pride, honour and humility that I serve the alumni in this my first involvement with the school." He looks forward to the challenge, camaraderie and the spirit that has been St. Mike's in this opportunity to serve.

**Frank Lamie '98 (Special Councillor)** chairs the St. Mike's Recent Alumni Golf Tournament and the Appellate Advocacy Competition by bringing to the school law program, lawyers and judges to adjudicate legal submissions in a moot Court setting. He also coordinates the annual Class of '98 Steak Night. Frank is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario Law School and works for Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP where his practice focuses on insolvency, restructuring and commercial litigation matters. He is proud of the fact that he is an army reserve infantry officer, the training of which has benefited him well.

**John F. Gouett '58 (Special Councillor)** founded St. Michael's Oldtimers (Travelling) Hockey Club and later served as Executive Director of Canadian Oldtimers Hockey Club which he also found. John graduated with a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and Queens University with an M.A. Retired, as an Elementary School Principal, he lives in Peterborough with his wife Patricia. They have two sons and three grandchildren. John wants to say thanks and "give back to St. Mike's the tremendous experiences of being there as a student in the 1950's." He hopes to capitalize on his 35 year career in Oldtimer Hockey and bring former grads back to the Alumni.



# In Memoriam



Fr. Daniel speaks at the opening of the Eugene Melnyk Sports Field in 2004.

## Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B. (1960-2009), a man of indomitable spirit.

The St. Michael's College School community has been deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B.. The Basilian Fathers have lost a little bit of their future and a part of their past. Fr. Zorzi lost a two-year battle with cancer at the age of 48 on January 16, 2009.

Fr. Zorzi C.S.B. served as President of St. Michael's College School from 2000-2005 while leading the school through its 150th anniversary. Prior to joining the St. Michael's community, he spent five years as Pastor at Assumption Church in Windsor, Ontario while lecturing on Canon Law at Assumption University. Under Fr. Zorzi's, C.S.B. leadership, St. Michael's completed its capital expansion program and installed a state-of-the-art sports field. He was instrumental in re-establishing a young Basilian presence on the teaching staff along with a renewed energy and dedication in strengthening the school's renowned hockey program.

As a young priest whose first degree was in psychology, he was appointed chaplain at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon. Fr. Zorzi C.S.B. spent his last two years in London, Ontario, where he used his PhD in Canon Law helping fellow Basilian Bishop, Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.

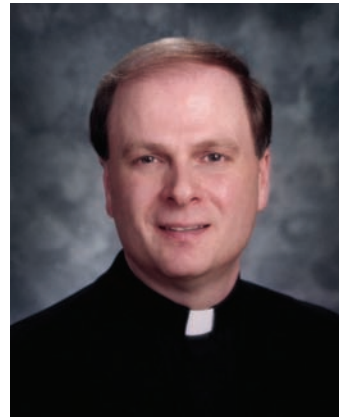
in the London diocese's Office of Canonical Services and its marriage tribunal. He was also Associate Pastor of London's St. Peter's Cathedral, and served as a judge for the Diocese of London Marriage Tribunal. Michael Tremblay, director of the tribunal, noted Fr. Zorzi's skill and sensitivity in dealing with client couples was done so in a "professional, thorough and articulate manner."

Fr. Allan Smith, C.S.B. a French teacher of Fr. Zorzi's at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie saw him "as a very determined person, and his indomitable spirit was in full evidence as he battled the final stages of cancer." His long battle with cancer did indeed have a profound and lasting impression on colleagues and family. His brother, Chris, noted that during Easter of 2008, his family's Sault Ste. Marie parish faced a challenge when their pastor took an unexpected leave of absence. While sick and weakened, Fr. Zorzi was granted permission to travel from Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto and celebrate his final Easter Mass in front of his family and hometown congregation. "He taught us not only how to live but how to die," said Fr. Jim Mockler, who served with Fr. Dan at London's St. Peter's Basilica.

Fr. Zorzi is survived by his parents Ernest and Marlene (nee Wierzbicki) and siblings, Chris (Sandra), and their children, Cody and Matthew, Kelly and her husband Vince Boudreau and their children, Jordache, Keagan and Paul, and his wife Lisa and their children, Nicholas and Althena.

Mass was celebrated at St. Basil's Church, Toronto followed by interment in Sault Ste. Marie.

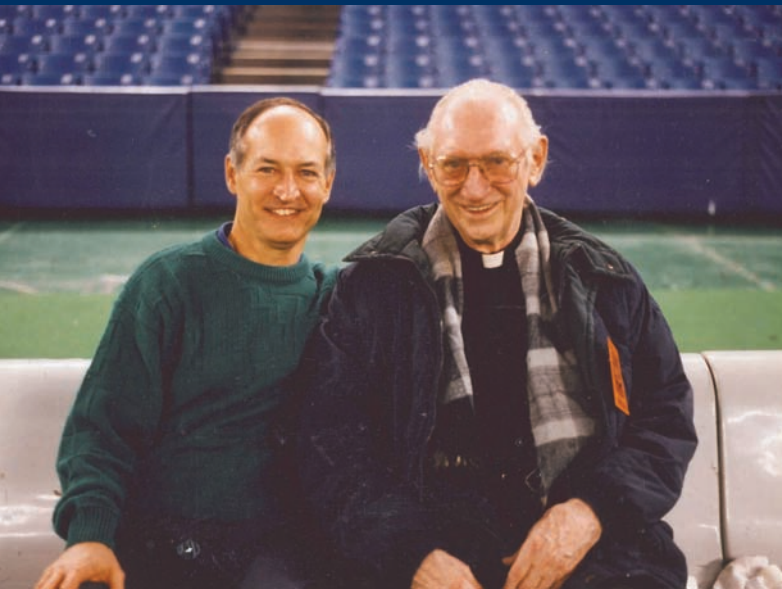
On behalf of the Basilian Fathers and the entire St. Michael's College School community, our prayers are with the Zorzi family. He will be dearly missed.



Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B.



L-R: Eugene Melnyk '77,  
Fr. Daniel Zorzi, C.S.B.



L-R: Jerry Howarth, Fr. John Leonard Cullen, C.S.B.

## Fr. John Leonard “Bud” Cullen, C.S.B. ’36 (1918-2008)

Bud, as he was known to his Basilian confreres and friends was born in Toronto on May 22, 1918. After graduating from St. Michael’s College School in 1936, he entered St. Basil’s Novitiate. His first appointment was at St. Mike’s on Bay Street. From 1950-79 Bud taught at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, N.Y where he became an integral facet of Aquinas history. As head of the Art Department, Bud introduced a variety of courses and made it possible for students in art to earn a New York State Regent’s credit. The Performing Arts Club was perhaps the only extracurricular activity at Aquinas that was co-ed before young women were able to enroll as students. In his long stay at Aquinas, Bud produced over sixty plays and musicals. He was an expert in music, acting, lighting and costume design. Dave Sherman, a former student of Fr. Bud’s recalls, “I learned much in my four years in the art room at Aquinas. His was no “cookie cutter” curriculum. Rather than simply break open a commercial set of colours, we actually made our own paint, then learned how to put it on canvas. We used the Speedball pen and ink method to execute ornate lettering styles by hand, the fonts now just a click away inside millions of computers. More than creative skills, they were lessons in patience and self-esteem.”

What was Aquinas’ loss was St. Michael’s gain when in 1984 Bud came to pass on his creative energies and talent. He specialized in calligraphy, silk screen printing and ceramics. As moderator of the school yearbook, he practiced his skills in photography and computerized publishing. He was always there for the students, many

of whom sought him out after graduating. No mention of Fr. Cullen would be complete without including his love for hockey and baseball. He loved the “Original Six” and ranked his beloved Maple Leafs far above all clubs. For Bud, being a good person and being a disciplined individual in charge of his actions, were as important as the knowledge he acquired in education. When it came to baseball, just ask Jerry Howarth, Blue Jays radio broadcaster. Jerry’s moving eulogy not only summed up Bud’s affection for the game, but spoke of Bud, the priest, the artist and the friend. Jerry asked his son **Ben ’96**, what he recalled of Fr. Bud and he replied that, “Fr. Bud was always in a happy, smiling mood, in love with life and what his students were doing.” When son **Joe ’97**, himself a student of photography, was asked the same question, he said, “I was impressed with Fr. Bud’s up to date interest in digital photography, and moreover, his love of baseball.” They both recall that Bud was at every major event taking pictures and “he really enjoyed it. He was passionate about his work; you could see it,” recalls Joe. Jerry also had an active e-mail correspondence with Fr. Cullen. He remembers one such note as to how appreciative Bud was in the vivid and thoughtful way Jerry broadcast the Jays’ games for his blind brother, **Fr. Ron Cullen, C.S.B. ’32**. “He made everything so clear,” says Jerry.

Yes, this was **Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B.** priest, teacher, friend to many, a lover of life and a model for us all. It could well be said that Fr. Bud’s instruction and guidance included a “yes you can.”

When Fr. Bud needed special health care, he moved to Anglin House in the Cardinal Flahiff Centre, Toronto. He is predeceased by his sister Doreen. Condolences are extended to his brothers Raymond, **Frs. Ronald, C.S.B. ’32** and **Dermott, C.S.B. ’43**.

**John Bonvivere ’51** former President of the Alumni Association, 1994-96 died peacefully on November 2nd, 2008 after a short battle with cancer. John will be remembered not only for his organizing and participation in the Annual Golf Tournament and Turkey Roll, but for his long-standing dedication to the Alumni Association. In 1992, he was one of the founders of the re-vitalized Alumni Association, during the tenure of Fr. Leo Campbell C.S.B.. In 1991, he served on a committee along with **Harry Flood ’57** and **Robert Bratti ’55** which focused on reconnecting with grads from the 1950’s. In 1992, he became 2nd Vice-President of the Alumni Association and a very active member of the The Building Fund campaign.





John Bonvivere '51

From 1994-1997, John served as President of the Alumni Association and was a strong advocate for raising awareness of the Association among current students. The annual graduating class luncheon held each December is testimony to his vision. Under his leadership, the Blue Banner acquired a full-time editor; he spearheaded the competition to create a school

flag, enhanced the golf tournament into a celebrity-alumni event and encouraged the revitalization of the Turkey Roll. As President, he also served on the new school Advisory Board created by **Fr. Mohan C.S.B. '48** in 1996.

Perhaps **Peter Thurton '81** best sums up John's care for the school. At the 2007 Turkey Roll, John pulled him aside and said, "You and I need to work together to do something big for the school, but without any fanfare. I'm thinking about those boys who are less fortunate than others, and would like to, but cannot afford to attend St. Mike's. We should get together and work on this." Peter recalls, "This is the John I knew and admired."

John's presence, thoughtful insight and work ethic to all things St. Michael, will never be forgotten. Beloved husband of June, loving father of **Michael '86** (Norma) and Carla (**Elvi Cal '82**) grandfather of James, Michaela, **Andrew '07** and Justin Cal; brother of Joe (Yolanda).

**Fr. Thomas Stokes, C.S.B.** passed away on February 16, 2009. Tom "Buddy" to his relatives and friends attended the University of St. Michael's College where he earned a bachelor's degree in math and physics and a Master's and PhD in philosophy. He entered the Basilian Novitiate in 1947 and was ordained in 1952. He said his first mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Toronto and then taught at St. Michael's College School from 1958-1960. He was a lecturer at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. and from 1960-66, he was Assistant Professor in Philosophy at St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. Father Stokes was Assistant, Associate Professor of Theology at Assumption University in Windsor from 1966-83. It was in Windsor that he met his dear friend Sister Catherine McCann who introduced him to the world of hospital chaplaincy where she worked. Fr. Stokes, C.S.B. eventually became the Catholic Chaplain at West Park Health Care Centre and Humber Memorial Hospital in 1985, and remained at the two hospitals until 2005. He often said that his work there was the most rewarding of his life.

**Frank Gardi '55** – a longtime TV personality, volunteer and a man of courage and spirit died suddenly on November 18, 2008. One can't go very far in Sault Ste. Marie, the home of Fr. Dan Zorzi, C.S.B., without hearing the name of Frank Gardi. For years, Frank suffered from prostate cancer and Hepatitis B, contracted after surgery. His trips to Toronto and London, Ontario, hospitals were frequent, and throughout, he persevered in the belief that he had big things to do before his time had come. And these he did without fanfare, but with devotion in promoting his city's culture and the people he loved. After graduating from Ryerson Institute in Toronto in 1958, with a degree in Radio and Television, Frank returned home to work for CJIC television. Among his many achievements were his work as a volunteer director of fundraising and public relations for the Sault Symphony's Orchestra, founding member of the Lakeshore Kiwanis, Chair of the Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army through the 1970's, initiated the Rotary Easter Seal Telethon in 1982. As Rotary President in 1987, he chaired the Polio Plus fundraising campaign, raising more than \$100,000 for the immunization of children in the developing world. Beginning in 1993, he chaired the Musicfest: Bratwurst, Beer and Beethoven, a one-day fundraising event for the symphony and the Symphony School of Music, raising \$150,000. For 20 years, Frank served as Executive Director of the Ontario Winter Carnival Bon Soo Pageant. In 1999, Frank received the city's highest honour, the Medal of Merit. That same year he was honoured by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation for outstanding volunteerism in the province. His longtime friend, Wayne Turner, recalls Frank's untiring community work ethic. He remembers a gravely ill Gardi in London's intensive care unit "calling to wish me a happy birthday... he went through hell through all his sickness and I don't ever recall him being negative."

*As a classmate and friend, I had the privilege of meeting Frank on his Toronto visits and never once did he tell his story of suffering or achievements. He did tell me that he adopted his positive attitude for life from his father, Angelo, a doctor, who would take him on many of his house calls. "Frank", he would say, "God put you on this earth to help others and work hard." His Dad would financially assist*



Frank Gardi '55



*promising young students who participated in sports and community affairs. Like father, like son, Frank was a class act possessing an unbelievable spirit for life, for family and for community. Of course, coming to St. Mike's from the North made him and many others, special people. Frank leaves his wife Patti (nee Greenwood) and Christopher Jason Gardi (Shannon) his daughter, Lisa Jean Gardi, Paul Francis Gardi (Maria); grandchildren, Anthony, Michael and Nicholas. Dear brother of Angela Moreau (William), Barbara Vatri (Vergil) and Anita Veteri (Al).*

#### Mike O'Brien '41

After a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, Mike O'Brien, passed away on March 4, 2009. Mike was a scholar of the O'Brien family having surprised many when he graduated with a medal from the School of Practical Science, (Engineering) University of Toronto, in 1946. His miraculous recovery from a serious industrial mishap is proof positive of the power of prayer. He leaves Mary Madeline, his loving and devoted wife of fifty-nine years, sons Christopher of Toronto, Dr. David of Belleville, and daughter Maureen of Peterborough, along with five grandchildren and two sisters, Kathleen and Mary.

The late **Fr. Bill O'Brien C.S.B. '40** was Mike's eldest brother and Mike was followed by **John '46**, the late **James R. '47**, **Paul '43**, and **Tom '57**, all of whom attended St. Michael's College School in an uninterrupted span beginning in 1932 and ending in 1957.

Mike was a generous donor and supporter of St. Michael's.

**William Edward 'Bill' Keenan '48**, architect of St. Michael's College School Arena and school additions, passed away on November 21, 2008. Bill loved sports, music, latin and history. After 20 years in private practice in Toronto, he joined the Public Services Division and moved to Ottawa. Bill's projects included work in Kingston, Dawson, Whitehorse, Ft. St. James and Moscow, Russia. One of his many accomplishments was the design work on the new control tower at Pearson airport. Bill's contribution to his profession, society and family can best be summed up by Daniel Covey, Specifications Officer, Public Works and Government Services Canada. "Seldom have I met a man with the combined qualities of knowledge, professionalism, reliability, honesty, kindness and a sense of humour," Bill's brothers: **Jim '46**, **Harry '50**, **Paul '55**, **Don '56** and **Bruce '58** and his grandson, **Michael Tighe '06**, all attended St. Mike's. Bill was a close friend and fellow graduate of **Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48**.

#### A Brother Remembers

**Frank Sheehan '55** fondly recalls his brothers and their contribution to St. Michael's

It has been a Sheehan family tradition of sending their sons to St. Mike's for their final year in high school. My predeceased brothers, **Fr. Peter C.S.B. '43** and **Fr. Paul C.S.B. '48** both taught at St. Michael's College School.

Peter died prematurely two months before his 44th birthday in 1972 from a severe heart condition. Among his achievements were an Honours B.A. in Music and History and a degree from the Association of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in organ and speech. Later in his career he consolidated, edited and revised St. Basil's Hymnal that was used extensively throughout Ontario dioceses. After ordination in 1953, Fr. Peter studied theology in Rome and was awarded a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Angelicum in 1956. He taught for 11 years at St. John Fisher College in Rochester and became Chairman of the Theology Department and Dean of Men. He also served on the executive of the American Theological Association. In 1967, Fr. Peter was appointed Director of the Newman Center at the University of Toronto. He was a founding member of the Campus Ministries Foundation, an ecumenical endeavour to coordinate and enhance chaplaincy service to the campus community.

Fr. Paul, C.S.B., served his entire 40-year priestly life as a teacher at St. Mike's; his subjects were math, physics and then, industrial arts. He was an extremely talented builder having completely re-designed and enlarged the original school chapel at the north end of the main first floor corridor along with adding a gallery for the new organ. I seem to recall that he became responsible for maintenance and security of the whole school property.

He was very creative and served on the Science Committee for the Province of Ontario, and he had a workshop in the basement of the old St. Clair residence where he designed science teaching aids, produced by his students and sold for below market prices to schools across Canada.

In another capacity, he served as Chaplain for a small order of religious women: Our Lady's Missionaries. A major source of their income came from a property at 244 Church St, a residence for single women. Fr. Paul consolidated four contiguous buildings into one unit, completely renovated it and brought it up to building code standards. What is particularly interesting about that venture was that he convinced the Ministry of Education

to designate the project as a course and the St. Michael's student workers received academic credit for learning the basics and application of carpentry, electrical, plumbing, heating, painting, flooring and ceiling tile installation. Two of his students subsequently established successful construction companies. He also designed and built a marvelous retreat/cottage where the sisters could restore their energies after prolonged terms in their foreign missions. I especially remember my brother, Fr. Paul, as a very holy man, humble in the pursuit of his vocation and a 'helluva' piano player.

#### Please also remember classmates and friends

##### 1930's

**Fr. Bud Cullen, C.S.B. '36**; **James Joseph Kavanagh '37**, father of James '66, Larry '74, Brian '79 and grandfather of Thomas '08

##### 1940's

**Brian Patrick McDonough '40**, father of Sean '69, James '77, Patrick '77, Paul '78; **Anthony Balaban '42**; **Gerry DesLauriers '43**; **William Arthur Holmes '46**, brother of Fr. Robert Holmes C.S.B. '54, Fr. Art Holmes C.S.B. '44 and Joseph; **William Edward Keenan '48**, brother of Jim '46, Harry '50, Paul '55, Don '56, Bruce '58 and grandfather of Michael Tighe '06

##### 1950's

**John Bonvivere '51**, father of Michael '86 and father-in-law of Elvi Cal '82; **Greg Kulas '51**, grandfather of John '08 and Peter Webster '10; **Stanley Faught '52**; **Walter Hodgson '54**; **Frank Gardi '55**; **Paul Macciochi '57**; **Beverley McCue '57**; **Bill Mulhall '57**; **John Anderson '58**

##### 1960's

**Martin Godin '60**

##### 1970's

**John Quattrociochi '71**; **Frank Musil '75**

#### Friends of St. Michael's

Jantina Zuccato, mother of Eddie '68; John Anthony Capo, former President of the Parents' Association and father of Marco '03 and Alessandro '06; Edwin John Horan, father of Wayne '68; Rev. Monsignor John (Jack) Cartwright,

brother in law of John Scanlon '54; Gioconda Papaluca, mother of Dennis '78; Peter John Dixon, father of Jonathan '03; Maria Brandstatter, mother of Albert '79; Filipe Freitas, father of Andrew '03; Thomas Anthony Leon, grandfather of Justin '14, Owen '14 (grade 7), Simon '03, Luke '02, great nephews Christian '09, Justin '07, Lewis '02 and Nick '09; Mario Bazzocchi, father of Francesco Bazzocchi '83 and grandfather of Michael '09; Sister Pauline Wilson, sister of Dr. J.K. Wilson '43; Justina Anne Barnicke, sister of Paul '67, Peter '70 and aunt of Jack Armstrong '12; Margaret A. Masterson, sister of Fr. Anthony Kelly C.S.B. '40; Silvio Poloni, father of Paul '03; Peter De Valk, brother of Fr. Alphonse De Valk, C.S.B.; Robert Fitzpatrick, brother of Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.; Steve Hritzun; Peter Dixon, father of John '03; Filipe Freitas, father of Andrew '03; Catherine Hayden, grandmother of Domenic Hayden-Anderson '09; Shirley Anne Platt, mother of Dianne Levine, grandmother of Michael '03, Paul '04 and John David '06; Marie Jones, mother of Steve '74, Kevin '78, Mark '82; Silvia Ricci, mother of Rob '81, Randy '83, Ronald '85, Richard '88; Celeste Scarpelli, mother of Mario '09, aunt of Lucas Mastromattei '13; Robert Frederick Black, grandfather of Stephen Rice '05; Maria Solda, mother of Frank '79 and Peter, grandmother of Andrew '02, Nicholas '04, Michael '06 and Christopher '08; Jean Finamore, grandmother of Patrick '13

*The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices as soon as we receive them and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at [advancement@smcsmail.com](mailto:advancement@smcsmail.com) or phone 416-653-3180 x458.*

## Births

Peter Higgins '99 and Amy, a son, Finn on Nov. 21, 2008.

Dave Lee '94 and Leah Ann, a girl, Elisabeth on April 19, 2009.



Elisabeth Lee

## Marriages

Frank Lamie '98 to Andria Bullfon (sister of Stefan Bullfon '00), Feb. 21, 2009.

# Around St. Mike's

*A number of our students, graduates and sport teams have been in the news this past year. Here are a few highlights.*

## St. Michael's Moot Court of Appeal

On Friday, November 28th, 2008, St. Michael's law students were graced by the presence of former Chief Justice of Ontario the Honourable Roy McMurtry, who adjudicated the third annual St. Michael's Moot Court of Appeal in the Campeau Lecture Hall. This year's appeal concerned the fictitious high school student "J.F." whose locker was searched by police during school hours using a trained drug-sniffing dog. Grade 12 students **Victor Dri '09**, **Nicholas Smith '09**, **Konrad Teichman '09**, and **John Wilson '09** argued the case in the mock St. Michael's court with John Wilson earning honours as top advocate. The competition serves as the major independent study activity of the Law course, and the four boys earned their place by squaring off against their peers during class trials. Law teachers, **Dave Lee '94** and **Pat Mancuso '90** mentored the students through their oral and written preparations. **Frank Lamie '98** of Gowlings Lafleur Henderson LLP deserves credit for organizing the activity along with lawyer **Enzo Rondinelli '90**, who gave workshops on the finer points of factum writing and appeals.

At the conclusion of the arguments, the Honourable Mr. McMurtry fielded questions from students about

his career in law and public service. Mr. McMurtry served in cabinet under Premier Bill Davis, as Canada's High Commissioner to Great Britain, as C.E.O. of the Canadian Football League, and as Chief Justice of Ontario. He currently serves as Chancellor of York University. Notably, Mr. McMurtry was awarded the Order of Ontario in 2007, and recently completed a study commissioned by the Government of Ontario on the causes of youth crime in the province.



2009 Sr. Kerry Blues – Metro Bowl Champions

The Senior Kerry Blues Football team is proud to announce that **Nolan MacMillan '08** has recently signed a letter of commitment for a scholarship to play football for the Division 1 Iowa Hawkeyes of the NCAA. Nolan was a member of the Junior and Senior Kerry Blues. He spent his summers playing for the Toronto Junior Argonauts and is presently attending the Hun school of Princeton, NJ. **Eddie Houghton '08** who was on the 2008 Metro Bowl Championship team is off to Holy Cross on a scholarship. Eddie has spent the last year at Philips Academy in Andover, Mass. His brother, **Charlie '06**, is presently playing football on a scholarship at Georgetown University. Both Eddie and Charlie were awarded MVP trophies at the Metro Bowls by the Toronto Star.

## Sr. Football Team Completes Perfect Season

Congratulations to the 2008 Senior Kerry Blues, who have completed a perfect season to capture their third



L-R: Frank Lamie '98, John Wilson '09, The Honourable Mr. Roy McMurtry



consecutive Metro Bowl Championship on December 3rd, 2008 at the Rogers Centre by defeating the Donald Wilson Gators of Whitby by a score of 42 – 12. The game's MVP was **Brendan Morgan '09**. On their way to the championship game, the Kerry Blues defeated the St. Andrew's Saints for the CISAA final and the Huron Heights Warriors in the Metro Bowl semi finals. This win is historical given that no other team has been able to "threepeat" since the Metro Bowl began 27 years ago.

#### Dave Keon '60 Honoured

The Mississauga St. Michael's Majors honoured Majors alumnus, and Hockey Hall of Famer, **Dave Keon '60** on Sunday, December 14, 2008 when the team played host to the Kingston Frontenacs. Majors players wore special jerseys adorned with the number 9 during the warm-up. Keon's number was the first to be retired by the team, a practice that was started by owner, **Eugene Melnyk '77**. A similar celebration was held in February 2008 when **Jim Gregory '55** was honoured in celebration of his induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

#### Update from the Archives

The Archives and Museum are now established on the second floor of the arena and plans for developing the museum are continuing. A small display of artifacts has been created in the interim to showcase some of our many treasures. The collection continues to grow as more alumni recognize the value of donating their prized memorabilia to a safe, permanent home. Existing items

and records as well as new contributions are recorded into our database which cross-references them so that they can easily be found. For example, the cow bell used during hockey games at Maple Leaf Gardens during the 1950's has its own single record, as do all of the yearbooks. Eventually there will be a complete inventory of everything we have.

Speaking of yearbooks – after a long delay, we finally have them and the Blue Banner online.



Hall of Famer, Dave Keon '60



L-R: Richard McQuade, Director of Archives and Glenn Wright '67 retired Archivist/Historian (Dept. of National Defence)

These can be text searched by merely entering the name you are searching and you will find every reference to it. Go to the "Archives" page on the school website and follow the links. Please remember that although our yearbook collection is complete, we are always looking for other items from your old St. Mike's days, especially photos, sweaters, trophies and other artifacts. For appointments or to donate items, contact Richard McQuade at 416-653-3180 x457 or [mcquade@smcsmail.com](mailto:mcquade@smcsmail.com).





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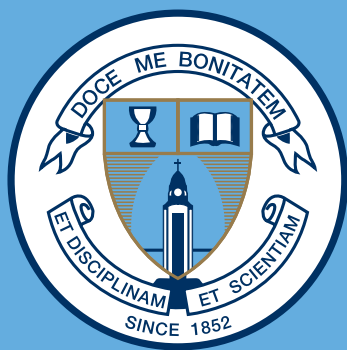
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